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REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action of October 4, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks. Claims 2, 12-13, 32-33, 37-39 and 51 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 8-9, 27, 34-36, 40, 47 and 50 are amended. Claims 1, 3-11, 14-31, 34-36, 40-50 and 52 are pending after entry of the amendments.

Claim Objections

Claim 13 was objected to because claim 13 was the same as claim 9. Claim 13 has been cancelled rendering this objection moot.

Allowable Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding claim 52 to be allowed and claims 2, 12, 16-19, 33-35, 44 and 49-50 to be objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claims 1, 3, 27, 40 and 47 have each been amended to include limitations from one or more of their corresponding objected to claims. The remaining rejected independent claims have been cancelled. Applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully asks the Examiner for such allowance.

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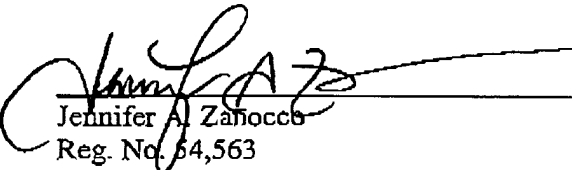
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No fee is believed to be due. If, however, there are any charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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